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Boatswain's Mate 'A' School opens

CSCS begins new formal training curriculum



Photo by Matt Mogle, TSC Public Affairs

BM2(SW/AW) Jason Fuchs BM "A" school instructor, demonstrates how to tie a clove hitch. For the story and more photos turn to page 16.

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First limited duty officer/chief warrant officer class in Newport underway

By MCC Bruce Moody
NSTC Public Affairs

GREAT LAKES, ILL. (NNS) — The first Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer (LDO/CWO) class at Officer Training Command Newport (OTCN) is underway. The school joins other officer accession programs from Officer Training Command Pensacola in a move to Newport.

The LDO/CWO class began Jan. 9, and its class of 35 candidates will graduate Feb. 9 as the first of three officer accession programs to join Officer Indoctrination School (OIS) and Seaman-to-Admiral 21 in Newport. The Direct Commissioning Officer (DCO) Indoctrination Course began Jan. 15, and Officer Candidate School returns to Newport on Aug. 18 after operating in Pensacola for nearly 13 years.

The moves are part of the

2005 BRAC recommendations and will result in Newport assuming the title as the largest developer and producer of officers in the Navy.

Once the Pensacola schools rejoin OTCN, 2,800 new naval officers will graduate from Newport each year. The number represents about two-thirds of the total number of officers that join the fleet annually.

Locating the Navy's various officer accession programs in Newport not only results in a significant reduction in operating costs, but also allows a far greater degree of standardization between the various officer programs.

Capt. Jim Pillsbury, commanding officer, Officer Training Command Newport, said he and Cmdr. Moses Everett, commanding officer, Officer Training Command Pensacola, have been tasked to create an environment that is

second to none for officer development.

"The environment we are creating is based upon proven critical thinking, problem solving and decision making instructional techniques," Pillsbury said. "The strategy is to eventually bind all officer commissioning sources with a common curriculum and instructional methodology."

"The BRAC realignment has presented with us an opportunity to take a major step in that direction by integrating OIS, DCO, and LDO/CWO school," Pillsbury added. "This means students from all three commissioning sources (will be involved in) common classes, sharing developmental activities like physical fitness, leadership training, and other instructional venues. This enables us to leverage the rich experience of the prior-enlisted sailors in the LDO/CWO pipeline to train and mentor

their OIS classmates who have no military experience. The shared experience allows the LDO/CWO students to test and refine their peer leadership and team-building abilities before they join their first wardroom."

Merging officer training in Newport allows leadership to gain efficiencies, develop best practices, and improve the education and performance outcome for all newly commissioned officers, Pillsbury said.

"Our task is to professionally prepare officers for successful careers in the naval service," he said. "The officers chosen for commissions in today's naval service are selected for their potential to advance and embrace needed changes in the way our Navy will operate in the future. The new OTCN will help develop and equip these new officers to meet future Navy challenges in a rapidly changing and demanding global environment."

TFIA continues work to improve IA process

By LT. JUSTIN COLE
CNP Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Rear Adm. Sonny Masso chaired a Task Force Individual Augmentation (TFIA) meeting Jan. 16-18, which was aimed at further improving the IA process, and reviewing current policies and initiatives.

Masso, who has led TFIA since its inception, directed the review of the entire IA process to include detailing, training, and benefits for Sailors and their families, of both the reserve and active components. The review was part of a periodic assessment to ensure that procedures previously put in place were having the desired outcome for the Sailors affected by them.

"We were stood up in April of 2006 to do three things," said Masso. "First, we took a look at the sourcing and notification process. Then we took a look at the training pipeline to get our Sailors ready to go into harms way. Finally, we wanted to

make sure we were taking care of the families of those who were serving as IA's, and make sure they knew how much we valued their service."

TFIA is made up of senior officers and enlisted personnel from various commands who have a stake in the IA process. Members of Naval Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC), Fleet Forces Command (FFC), Navy Personnel Command (NPC), and the Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) contribute to the task force.

"The ultimate goal of the task force is to work ourselves out of a job. If we are able to get these processes ingrained into the way we do business on a daily basis, then the task force would no longer be needed. I would consider that a big success for us and a bigger success for the IA's," said Masso.

Recent meetings of the task force have focused on establishing initiatives aimed at taking

Services move closer to TSC students

By SUSAN M. KOERNER
TSC Public Affairs

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) has opened an office at Bldg. 215 student indoc at Training Support Center (TSC) to better serve staff and students.

Services include counseling, new parent support team and personal financial management.

Kathy Neville, manager of counseling and advocacy at FFSC says the move makes services more convenient for students, resulting in less time missed from classes. "It would normally cost the command three hours to excuse a student to come to our main office and get back to their class. The instructors were saying it was tough to catch them back up after that amount of time," she said.

Neville says several appointments were scheduled in the various services during the first week of office hours. "So far so good, as word gets out, we think it will really take off," she added.

"It helps out significantly," said FCC Chris Polk, LCPO at student in-processing. "Otherwise

they'd have to walk over, go outside the gate and come back." Polk says response has been much greater than anticipated. "We were surprised at the number of calls already. There has been a lot of interest on hours and how to get an appointment."

Similar arrangements have already been made at RTC and Corps School and Neville says results have been positive. Other locations may be added in the future.

Clinical counseling is available by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling the instructor's office at (847) 688-5476.

The new parent support team is available on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled; however clients may also drop in during the Tuesday hours.

Individual financial counseling is available by appointment on Mondays and Thursdays for Sailors seeking more information on personal financial management.

To schedule appointments contact the main FFSC office at (847) 688-3603.

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Driver tries on a U. S. Navy ballcap, one of many birthday gifts given to him to by the Goodwill workers of Galley 535.

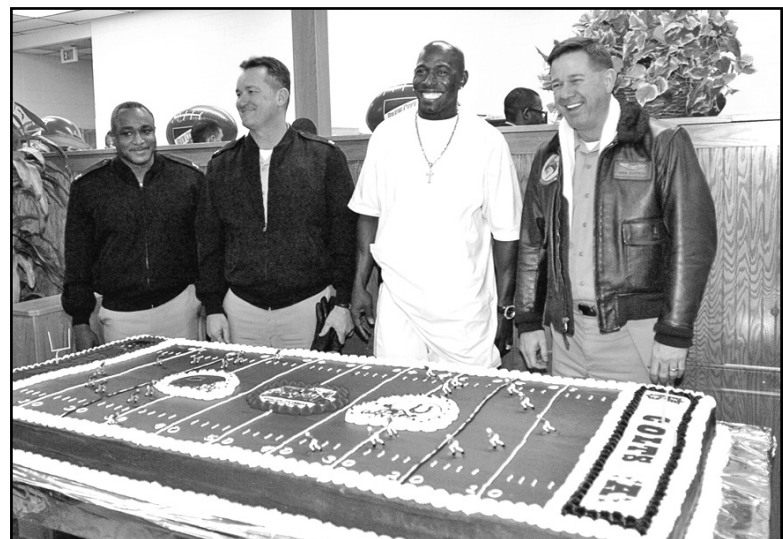
Galley 535 host Super Bowl Tailgate lunch

By JIM BOYLAN

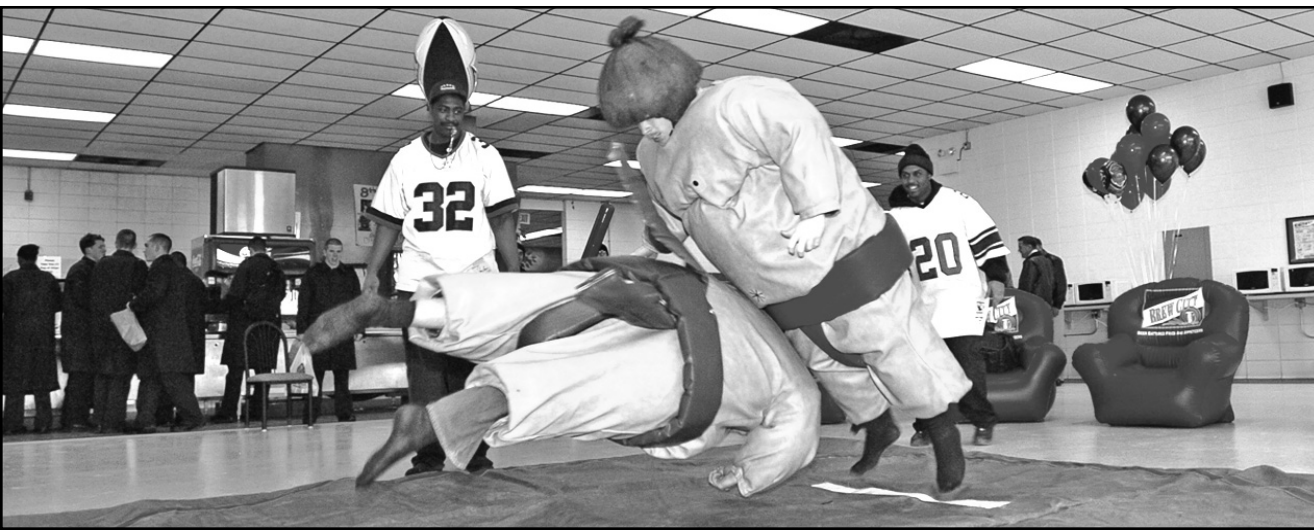
This Wednesday, Galley 535 hosted its 8th Annual Super Bowl Tailgate lunch with Donald Driver, Green Bay Packers all-pro wide receiver on hand to sign autographs, participate in some of the games — including sumo suits, the Lambeau Leap, and the red-zone dance — and a cake cutting. He also celebrated his 32nd birthday. The event was sponsored by Naval Station and Goodwill Industries with assistance from the MWR Department.

This was Driver's third year supporting the event. "It is great that the base is doing this for the Sailors. It is a great opportunity for them to see me, other than on the football field, and for me to be able to be to interact and enjoy my time with them," said Driver.

Donald Driver (third left) made his third appearance in as many years at Galley 535's Super Bowl Tailgate lunch. The all-pro wide receiver for the Green Bay Packers was greeted with a surprise celebration of his 32nd birthday. The 6-foot by 3-foot cake was decorated by Greg Pottala, of Goodwill Industries using 25 gallons of frosting. With Driver are Naval Station Sailors (from left); command master chief Ali Nelson, Lt. Cmdr. Randall Anderson, executive officer and Capt. Richard Postera, commanding officer.



All photos by MC1(AW/SW) V.K. Schaefer-Ward



STGSA Rhett McNair (red) and ETSA Benjamin Jacobson (blue) get airborne while wrestling in sumo suits. The sumo suits were one of six games offered at the Super Bowl Tailgate luncheon.

Great Lakes to test warning system siren

By TIM VALLE

Naval Station Emergency Manager

Naval Stations Great Lakes department of public safety will begin testing Naval Station's warning system siren on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning on Feb. 6.

As part of the Naval Station Great Lakes emergency management plan, mass notification of an emergency to all personnel onboard the Naval Station Great Lakes is of paramount importance to help save lives and protect property.

Providing effective warning is accomplished by a variety of warning systems.

These systems include: outdoor warning systems, tone alert radio systems, and indoor warning systems which is supported by the Emergency Alerting System (EAS) and the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS).

Outdoor Warning Siren

The Outdoor Warning Siren has recently been reactivated onboard Naval Station Great Lakes and will be used in times of threatening, or impending natural disaster, such as a tornado or other emergency.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established standardized signals, for outdoor warning devices.

These standardized signals are used to alert the public and indicate survival actions to be taken in an emergency.

These signals are the attention or alert warning signal and attack warning.

An attention or alert warning signal is a three- to five-minute steady signal from sirens.

This will be used to alert the public of peacetime emergencies, including the occurrence of severe weather.

In addition to any other meaning or requirement for action, as determined by local government officials, the attention or alert signal shall indicate to all persons "turn on your radio or television and listen for essential emergency information."

An attack warning is a three to five minute wavering siren tone.

The attack-warning signal means that an actual attack or detected missile launch against the United States has been detected and that protective action should be taken immediately.

Per federal guidance, "this signal will be used for no other purpose and will have no other meaning."

In keeping with federal guidance that indicates that monthly warning systems tests should occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Department of public safety will be testing this siren on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 6.

The attention or alert warning signal will be sounded for

one minute.

This will be followed by one minute of silence, followed by the attention or alert warning signal sounding for one minute.

This testing procedure will establish a test pattern different from that used in an actual emergency, when the attention/alert warning or attack warning signal will be sounded for three to five minutes.

In keeping with the policy of the National Weather Service, local government should not issue the issuance of an "all clear" statement.

Severe weather watches, whether severe thunderstorm or tornado, are traditionally issued for a period of four to six hours.

The Weather Service may terminate a "watch" early if weather conditions change and the threat of severe weather no longer exist.

Severe weather warnings,

whether severe thunderstorm or tornado, are traditionally issued for periods of 30 minutes to one hour.

Warnings are usually allowed to expire on their own, without early termination by the weather service.

Personnel requesting "all clear" information should be advised to monitor commercial radio and television stations for further weather information. NAVSTA Great Lakes will not issue an "all clear."

Indoor Warning Systems

Indoor warning systems are necessary for a well-balanced warning system.

Outdoor warning systems are not effective for warning in air-conditioned and tightly insulated buildings.

Indoor warning systems include: commercial broadcast radio and television stations, the Emergency Alert System (EAS),

tone activated radio receivers, and public address systems.

The EAS, as a component of the indoor warning system, provides a means for local government to provide timely warning and emergency instructions to residents through the use of commercial radio, cable television override, special EAS equipped tone activated radio receivers, and electronic message boards.

The EAS should be activated whenever a warning is disseminated to provide specific warning information.

All warning broadcasts mean an emergency situation is imminent. In this eventuality, take a portable radio and seek shelter.

All watches indicate elements are developing that may result in an emergency situation. Radio broadcasts are the best method to keep abreast of such a situation.

Enroll now for snowmobile safety class

By NAVAL STATION SAFETY OFFICE

Naval Station Safety Office will host a Snowmobile Safety Course, Saturday, Feb. 17 instructed by John Oliver, Certified Illinois DNR instructor.

Reserve your seat by contacting the base safety office today at 688-2035 or 2036 or e-mail: ross.w.johnson.ctr@navy.mil.

The Illinois Snowmobile Education Course consists of a minimum eight hours of instruction. These courses cover the basics in maintenance and repair of snowmobiles, proper and safe operation, history of snowmobiling, first aid, protection of the environment and the state laws. As in other courses various visual aids are provided to enhance the quality of instruction.

Persons completing the minimum eight hours of instruction and successfully completing the final examination will receive a State of Illinois Certificate of Competency and a graduate patch.

Illinois winters are very unpredictable and when we receive enough snow for snowmobiling everyone is anxious to ride. Courses should be taken before the snow arrives.

Besides teaching basic safety principles the course at-



tempts to develop the proper attitude of respect for the student's fellow person and the environment. The development of this respect and cor-

rect safety procedures are essential if snowmobiling is to continue to grow and give hours of enjoyment as a leisure time recreational activity in Illinois.

The classes will be held at the Naval Station safety office, Bldg. 3400, Room 230 on the corner of Green Bay and Buckley Road. Classes start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. This program is available to all Naval Station personnel, families and DoD Employees. There is no charge for this course.

NAVFAC Midwest Seabee Ball set for March 3

The 2007 NAVFAC Midwest Seabee Ball will take place on Saturday, March 3, at the Country Squire in Grayslake, Ill.

There will be a reception starting at 6 p.m., followed by a program, dinner and dancing until midnight.

This event will celebrate the 165th Birthday of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, the 140th anniversary of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps, and 65 years of the Navy Seabees.

All members, friends, and supporters of NAVFAC/Public Works, the CEC, and the Seabees are invited and welcome to at-

tend.

Vice Adm. Michael K. Loose, former commander of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and current deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics will be the guest speaker.

Ticket prices are as follows: E4 and below: \$30; E5-E6 and government civilians to WG/GS9: \$35; E7-O3 and WG/GS10-12: \$45; O4/GS13 and above and guests: \$55. All hands are welcome to attend.

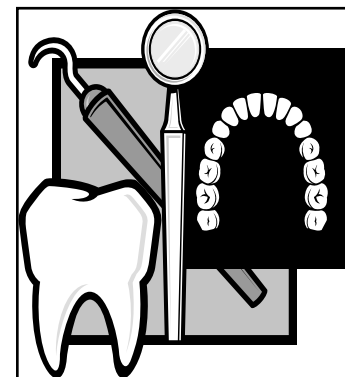
For tickets or further information, please contact Karmann Coles at (847) 688-6895 or Angi Scott at 847-688-2600. Ext. 143.

Volunteers needed for dental research

The Chemistry Branch U. S. Army Dental Research Detachment is seeking active duty Army and Navy volunteers to participate in a study titled "Salivary Indices for Hydration Status," to determine if saliva can be used as a hydration marker to prevent dehydration among Soldiers and Sailors.

Volunteers will exercise for 60 minutes at 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Participation will involve four visits totaling approximately six hours. All testing will take place at Naval Station Great Lakes.

If interested, contact Dr. Sohita Patel at (847) 688-7373 ext. 241 or Army Sgt. 1st Class Rey Ado at (847) 688-7373 ext. 252.



Honormen and Award Winners at the Recruit Graduation Review

Pictured are Award Recipients for this week:

Each honor graduate and award winner will receive the commanding officer's commemorative coin in recognition of their superlative achievements during recruit training. The honor graduates for this week's recruit review graduation are as follows:

SR Nicholas Waller, Division 063, Sweethome, Ore.
SR Nigel Chapman, Division 064, Roosevelt, N.Y.
SR Wayne Johnson, Division 065, Glenarden, Md.
SR Austen Eusek, Division 066, Rock Springs, Wyo.
SR Dwight Decker, Division 067, Findlay, Ohio
SR Lesley Rodriguez, Division 068, Jersey City, N.J.
SR Marcelino Salazar Jr, Division 069, San Diego, Calif.
SR Joshua Gottlieb, Division 070, St Petersburg, Fla.
SR James Coleman, Division 910, College Station, Texas



SR Joshua Gottlieb,
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Academic Excellence Award



SR Donald Dixon,
Mesa, Ariz.
USO Shipmate Award



SR Melissa Santiago,
Keller, Texas
Award of Merit

The recruit chief petty officers for this week's recruit review graduation are as follows:

SR Dustin Adams, Division 063, Salem Creek Springs, Texas
SR Patrick Winham, Division 064, Decatur, Ga.
SR Franco Garcia, Division 065, San Diego, Calif.
SR Ductin Liam, Division 066, Williamsburg, Va.
SR Jerome Chambers, Division 067, Detroit, Mich.
SR Alison Raish, Division 068, Mifflintown, Penn.
SR Jeremy Anderson, Division 069, Choctaw, Okla.
SR Nathan Lynch, Division 070, Clearwater, Fla.
SR Emmanuel Richardson, Division 910, Los Angeles, Calif.



SR Brandon Ross,
Corpus Christi, Texas
MOAA Leadership Award



SR Jennifer Brown,
Bryan, Texas
Navy League Award



SR Edward Lewis,
Rio Rancho, N.M.
Military Excellence Award

TSC SHIP IN THE SPOTLIGHT: USS BONHOMME RICHARD

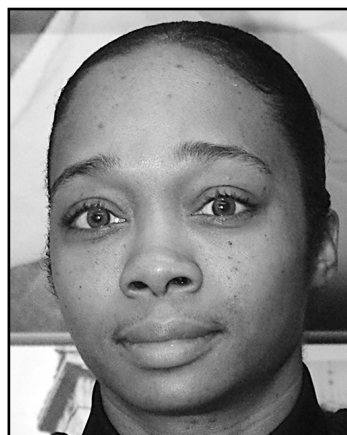
Ship's History:

USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) is home-based in San Diego Calif. The ship's primary mission is to embark, deploy and land elements of a Marine Landing Force in amphibious assault operations by helicopter, landing

craft, amphibious vehicle or any combination of these methods. USS Bonhomme Richard embarks the Commander of the Task Force, the Commander of Amphibious Squadron THREE and his staff. With the embarked Marine Expeditionary Unit, USS Bonhomme Richard is equipped to play a key role in combat and humanitarian operations.

BEQ Stats:

1. House 295 male and female students attending Advanced Technical Training, Electronics Technician "A", Fire Controlman "A", Gunners Mate "A", Interior Communications Technician "A" and Torpedoman "A" schools.
2. Only ship onbase to receive Letter of Appreciation from the Marine Corps Reserve for Toys for Tots donations due to amount of donations given.
3. Achieved outstanding on every zone inspection conducted.
4. Awarded the drill flag for October's Pass-in-Review.
5. Carry the star flag, drill flag, good conduct flag and community service flag.
6. Ship of month standing- 7th
7. Ship of quarter standing- 7th



Horne

STAFF

NAME: AZ2(AW) Talia Horne

HOMETOWN: Largo, Md.

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS COMMANDS: Travis AFB, Calif. NAS Jacksonville, Fla. NAS Lemoore, Calif.

HOBBIES: Running, video games, shopping and lifting weights

GOALS: Complete degree in business studies, complete MTS and make 1st class

JOB BEFORE THE NAVY: Burger King

STUDENT

NAME: FCSA Amanda R. Smith

HOMETOWN: Ten Mile, Tenn.

AGE: 19

PREVIOUS COMMAND: None

CURRENT SCHOOL: Graduated FC "A" School, awaiting transfer

GPA: N/A

HOBBIES: Wake boarding, reading

GOALS: To eventually become an officer in U.S. Navy

JOB BEFORE THE NAVY: College student



Smith

Readers Speak Out

This week the Bulletin asks its readers, "Who do you think will win Super Bowl 41 and why?"



"The Chicago Bears, because defense wins championships."

EN1 Andrew Paleveda



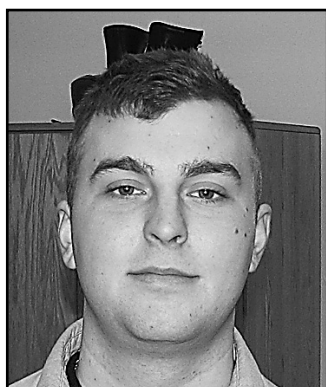
"The Chicago Bears, because it is the first team that comes to my mind."

AE1 Shilo Gagnan



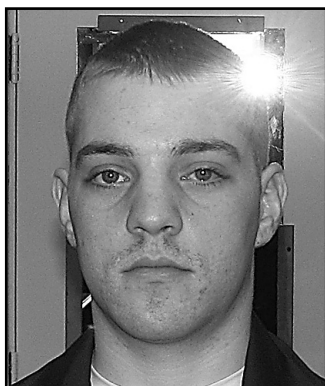
"The Bears are going to be- cause they deserve to win."

AR1 John Bowes



"The Bears, because I am in Chicago and might as well root for the home team."

AR1 Thomas Tesar



"Bears, because of their heart and hard work."

EN1 Jace Garvin



"Chicago Bears, because I live in the Chicago area and they will win."

AM3 Adam Ryan

What Happened When

A look back at historic Great Lakes

40 years ago NEW ENLISTED CLUB

A ground-breaking ceremony for the \$1 million enlisted men's club is expected in early February, according to Lt. H.R. French, assistant Navy Exchange officer. The contract for the 31,292 square-foot building was awarded to the Corbetta Construction Company, Chicago, at a bid of \$885,500. French said, "By the time we equip the club, the cost will be around \$1 million."

30 years ago ENERGY CRUNCH HITS

North Shore Gas Co. supplier of natural gas to Great Lakes NTC, has shut off service to the base's main steam plant as part of a move to conserve supplies of natural gas during the nationwide shortage. The plant has already converted to burning oil for heat and there is enough fuel on hand to continue that source of energy throughout the rest of the week.

20 years ago PLAN BLACK HISTORY LUNCHEON

"The African American and the Constitution, Colonial Times to the Present," will be the theme of the Great Lakes Joint EEO luncheon, Wednesday, Feb. 11, in celebration of Black History Week. Dr. Margaret Taylor Burroughs, commissioner, Chicago Park District will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon to be held at the Port O'Call from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

10 years ago ILLEGAL DUMPING TARGETED

The NTC Housing Department said it is experiencing problems with residents illegally using dumpsters which belong to contractors and construction companies doing renovations in housing. Housing said that families living within Navy family housing are directed to use the dumpsters located on Ray Street, just north of Green Bay Road, by Bldg. 2016.

Great Lakes Tyke

Name:

Madelyn Kochanowski

My favorite food is:

Chicken and french fries

Age:

6

My favorite toy or game is:

"Hi Ho Cremo"

I live with:

My mom and dad

My favorite color is:

Pink and purple

My pets are:

None. I am allergic

My favorite thing to do is:

Play with my parents

I help around the house by:

Cleaning my room

When I grow up

I want to be:

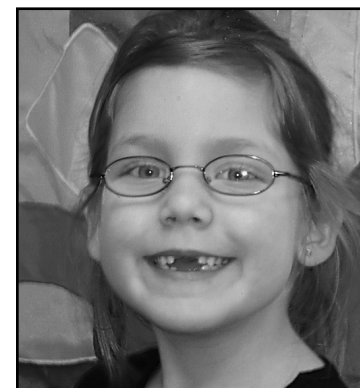
An actress

My favorite book is:

"Alice the Fairy"

My favorite cartoon is:

Fosters Home for Imaginary Friends



Madelyn Kochanowski



NMCRS volunteers needed

The Great Lakes Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society is looking for volunteers. By volunteering you can help a fellow Sailor or Marine and:

- Receive reimbursement for childcare expenses and mileage
- Help people with an emergency need
- Build your resume

•Develop new skills or improve on existing talents

They are now interviewing for the following volunteer positions:

- Thrift Shop workers who accept and organize donated items for resale through the NMCRS Great Lakes Thrift Shop.
- Receptionists who provide

information, greet clients, and process data.

•Caseworkers who listen to requests, make decisions and disburse funds to meet client needs.

Contact Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Great Lakes for an application or call for more information at (847) 688-6830.

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Building 400, 688-3537

Hours of Operation

Mon.-Fri.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sat.: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sun. & Holidays: Closed

Ask about ITT's exciting trips this February including a Casino Trip and Ski Trips!

Ski Trip Information:

Fri., Feb. 2; Wilmot Mountain; \$55/person; 3 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

*Fri./Sat., Feb. 17-18; Nordic Mountain; \$160/180/person; 7 a.m. (Sat.) - 10 p.m. (Sun.)

Sun., Feb. 25; Highlands of Olympia; \$45/person; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

All trips include transportation, lift tickets and rentals. *The Nordic Mountain trip includes one night accommodations in a double room and two days of rentals: ski/ \$160 and snowboard/\$180.

Australia...

Planning to visit the land down under? ITT can assist you with airfare, tour packages and 3, 4 and 5 star accommodations at unbelievable prices! Visit the ITT Australia Web site: <http://www.it-t.com.au>

taustralia.com/ or call for details, today!

MWR Offers free Chicago Wolves Hockey Game Tickets!

For the fourth straight year, the Chicago Wolves and the MWR Department are offering 100 FREE tickets to each and every home game at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. All eligible MWR customers may stop by the ITT Office to sign-up (at least two days prior to the game of choice) to receive a voucher (good for up to four tickets) for any home game per month (additional tickets are permitted, if availability exists). Customers must present the voucher at the Arena's VIP ticket window on the day of the game to receive their free tickets.

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MWR Travel Plus may be reached directly at (800) 905-9330; they may also be found on the web at www.travelplusinc.com

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'Super-Sized' Super Bowl Party at Ross!

Come cheer on your favorite football team at the larger-than-life "Super-Sized" Super Bowl Party at Ross Theater on Sun., Feb. 4.

Enjoy the pre-show and entire game on the theater's big screen with superior Dolby Surround Sound. Eat great food, participate in fun contests and receive a chance to win fabulous prizes all night long. Show off your team spirit and dress up in all your fan gear. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m., with kick-off at 5:30 p.m. Bring your Gold Card for a bonus offer-see below! Don't miss watching the biggest game of the season on the biggest screen in town!

During the Super Sized Super Bowl XLI Event on Sun., Feb. 4 at Ross Theater, show your Gold Card and receive a free soda with purchase of a brat/burger.

MWR will attempt to break snowball fight record

BY JUDY R. LAZARUS
Bulletin Associate Editor

Naval Station's Morale Welfare and Recreation is out to break the Guinness World Record™ for the world's largest snowball fight set by Michigan Tech University in Houghton, Mich. last February. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Feb. 8 for the 8:30 event on Ross Field. Verbal instructions will be given for the two-minute fight at that time.

The event will be part of MWR's annual Winterfest, which is a non-training day for Training Support Center

personnel.

"We're not only going to break the record but we're going to shatter it," said John Prue, recreation division director. "This will be challenging to say the least. Anybody and everybody can participate. Weather is always an issue but we're crossing our fingers."

"Since the mid '90s we've been interested in breaking a world record," the director said. "We had research done to see which one."

MWR applied for approval from Guinness World Records™, and the application to attempt to break the snowball fight record

was approved. Specific requirements must be met.

To verify that the record has been broken, witnesses and photographs will be examined.

"The bulk of participants will be coming from Training Support Center and Hospital Corps School," Prue said. "They're excited to participate."

If MWR breaks the record, all participants' names will be logged in and they will each receive some sort of certificate.

For further information, check out the MWR Web site at www.mwrgl.com or call (847) 688-2110, ext. 164.

★ ROSS ★ THEATER

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Fri., Feb. 2
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PG~For boxing violence and some language. (102 Min.)

Sat., Feb. 3
6 p.m.



NIGHT
AT THE
MUSEUM

PG~For mild action, language and brief rude humor. (108 Min.)

Sat., Feb. 3
8:30 p.m.



the good
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Sun., Feb. 4
3:30 p.m.

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www.mwrgl.com



● **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

'Aim, Discipline and Control'

By **CHAPLAIN CMDR. BOB CRALL**
USN,

"Because you don't respect yourself, Meat!" That's the response of Crash Davis (Kevin Costner), the old veteran catcher in the movie "Bull Durham," to Nuke LaLoosh (Tim Robbins), who is Crash's training project. Nuke had just asked Crash, "Why don't you like me?" Nuke LaLoosh is everything his name implies. Free spirited! High velocity! And no aim, discipline or control in his pitching...or his living! If you've seen the movie you remember that Crash was called out of retirement to train this young pitcher, and in the course of a season Crash is able to pull the entire team together into a winner.

How about you, American? How's your aim, discipline and control? I have an observation to make about Americans and Americans. The one kind is brand new in this country, freshly immigrated from

Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, the Philippines, Russia and other countries of the former USSR, Central and South America, China, India and other parts of Asia. I have known these people as students at Naval Hospital Corps School and Training Support Center, having been stationed at each of these institutions of training excellence. And just a few days ago I was at a retreat for Presbyterian ministers, and the speakers were all immigrant clergy—one from Pakistan, one from Ghana, two from Cuba, one from China, one from Japan. In some of these places they suffered extreme poverty and persecution!

Americans and Americans. These new Americans wow me with their energy, their aim, discipline and control! They so appreciate the liberty and opportunity they have in this country that they shame me for taking America and liberty and opportunity for granted. They also inspire me to be better, to take a

fresh look at how terrific it is to wake up every morning as an American.

It is always a danger for the other kind of American—second, third, fourth ... generation Americans — to take this great experiment for granted. The great experiment of our founders was to allow individuals liberty and opportunity. The great risk, of course, was that after a while individuals would take liberty and opportunity for granted, and descend into "libertinism."

Libertinism is what happens when individuals can no longer handle liberty with aim, discipline and control. It is baggy pants hanging so loose and low that a young man cannot possibly move with aim, discipline and control. It is people walking city streets lost in their electronic world and knocking other people into the gutter or against buildings. It is the sexual free-for-all that is a counterfeited form of "intimacy" and costs men and women and society more than we want to admit. It is overeating and under-exercising. It is overdrinking and the whole rest of the "drugged-up" culture.

Maybe someone out there has an experience different from mine. But every time I have seen a student Sailor from one of the countries I mentioned above, he or she has graduated as valedictorian of the class. I'm thinking they have something to teach the rest of us about appreciating liberty and opportunity, and handling them with aim, discipline and control. That is how you can "respect yourself," American!

Great Lakes Library offers fun for all ages

February Story Time

Come and enjoy the Library's new "high energy" storyteller who places an emphasis on reading readiness.

In February, she will be conducting story time for children ages 5 and younger from 10-11 a.m. on Wed., Feb. 7 and 21 in the Library.

African American History Month

During the month of February the Library will be honoring important historical figures by giving away "African-American Heroes" bookmarks in recognition of African American History Month.

Choose from the following bookmarks: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, James Baldwin, Malcolm X or Sojourner Truth.

Hot Off the Shelf

Book of the Month: Financial Aid for Veterans, Military Personnel and Their Dependents, 2006 to 2008 (REF 355.1 SCH). Get the latest information from this valuable guide.

Veterans, military personnel and dependents make up more than a third of America's population. Each year public and private agencies set aside billions of dollars in financial aid for these individuals and their spouses, children, grandchildren and dependent parents.

Find scholarship, fellowship, loan, grant and award

fund opportunities for study, travel, career development, tax relief and emergencies.

Tax Forms

Yes, it's that time of year again. The Library will stock many common Federal Tax Forms, and the reproducible book for lesser forms. The Library does not stock state forms, but they are available on the Internet.

Downloadable Audio Books

The Great Lakes Library has books on CD's and audio-cassettes - available for checkout.

But did you know the Navy General Library Program (NGLP) now offers over 4,000 audio books available for downloading?

The NGLP has added digital audio books to the E-content available from Navy Knowledge Online (NKO). NKO is located on the Web at www.nko.navy.mil. All E-content provided by the NGLP is located on the Navy Library E-content page, beneath the reference tab when you log on to NKO.

Your Virtual Library

Your Great Lakes Library is on the World Wide Web. Check it out: www.mwrgl.com/recreation/library/library.htm. Located in Bldg. 617, the library is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The phone number is 688-4617.

2007 National Prayer breakfast

The Naval Station Great Lakes National Prayer Breakfast will be held within the main galley at Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes Feb. 6. This year's guest speaker is Rear Adm. Jon Bayless, Commander Navy Region Midwest.

The serving line will open at 6:15 a.m. and the program will begin at 7. For those who do not possess a meal card a fee of \$2 will be collected at

the door. Reservations are not required.

Recommended dress for this event is uniform of the day for guests, civilian equivalent and service dress blues for participants. All are welcome to attend as we unite our hearts, minds and voices in prayer.

For questions please contact the Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes pastoral care office at (847) 688-2384.

● Command Religious Program Schedule

Catholic

Sun., 9 a.m. Sunday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., Noon Sunday MassForrestal Village Chapel
Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m. Weekday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10:30-11:30 a.m. CCDBldg. 122
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Catholics Seeking ChristBluejacket Memorial Chapel

Protestant

Wed., Noon Praise, Word and WorshipNaval Health Clinic All Faiths Chapel
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Contemporary WorshipBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10 a.m. Family Worship ServiceForrestal Village Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sun., 1:30 p.m.Naval Health Clinic All Faiths Chapel

Chapels

•Bluejacket Memorial Chapel - Bldg. 3, Naval Station
•Forrestal Village Chapel - Bldg. 2630, Ohio St., Forrestal Village
•Naval Health Clinic All Faiths Chapel, Wing 2 South
•For More Information about any of the services or events listed in this schedule, call 688-5610

Great Lakes chaplains are happy to help you find a place of worship according to your tradition and needs.

Petty officer takes off for the Super Bowl

By JUDY R. LAZARUS
Bulletin Associate Editor

HT1 Montello Washington III is taking advantage of "the opportunity of a lifetime" this weekend when he and his wife, Khalida, attend Sunday's Super Bowl game in Miami. The petty officer was the winner of MWR's Super Bowl lottery.

He was required to sign a disclaimer that he would not sell the tickets for more than their face value of \$675 each.

That was no problem, he said. "I told them 'I'll sign it - I'm going!'"

In addition to the price of the tickets, the couple have to add plane fare. But since they are staying with friends who live 10 minutes from the stadium hotel accommodations are no problem. And the petty officer's mother, in Washington D.C., will look after the couple's 7-month-old son. "She was more than happy to take care of him," her son said.

"Hotels were booked a year ago," he noted. "The closest hotels you could get now, at a de-

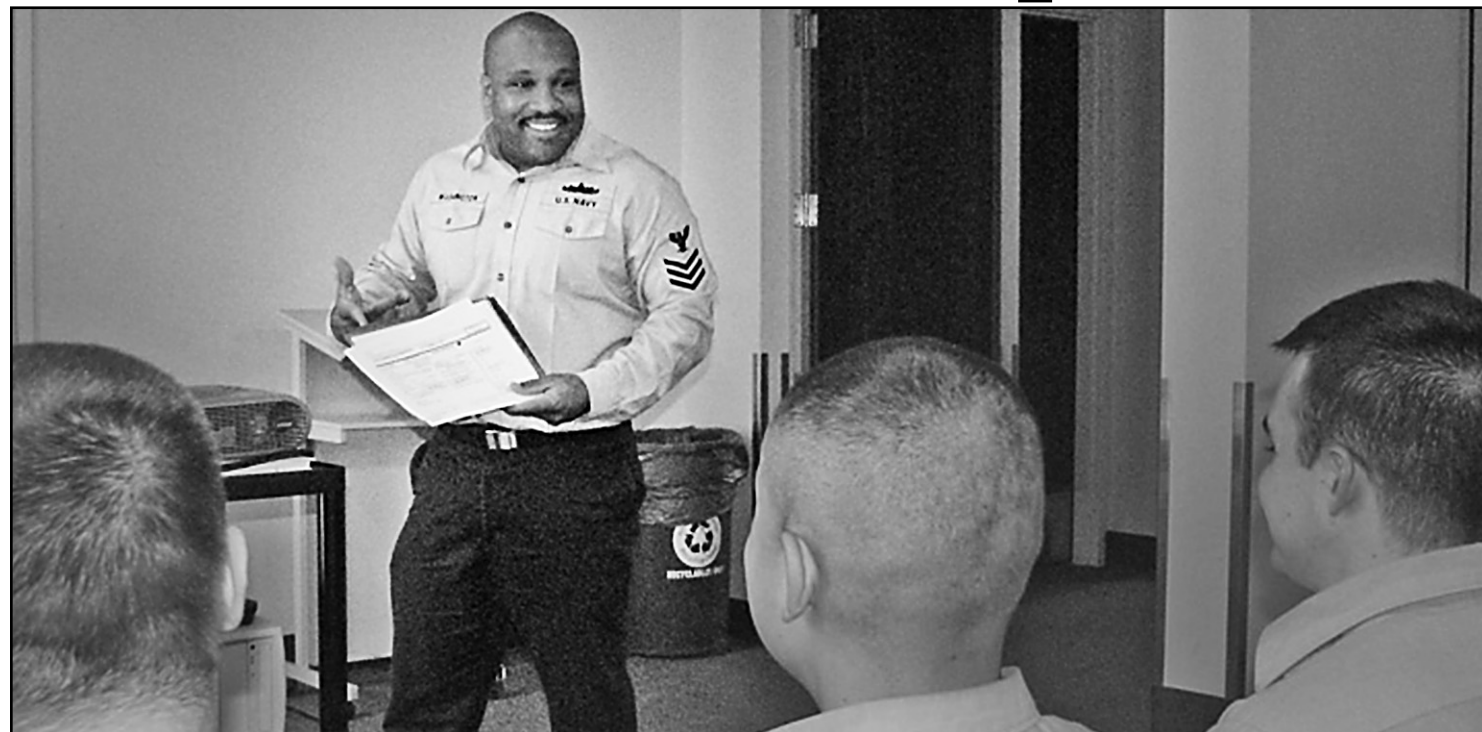


Photo by Judy R. Lazarus

HT1 Montello Washington conducts a Petty Officer Indoc at the Determined Warrior Barracks.

cent price, are 150 miles away."

Washington, who is an SDC (Student Division Commander) at The Determined Warrior

Barracks, Bldg. 6301, has been a football fan as far back as he can remember. He played little league at the age of 10, played for the Hampton Roads Sharks in Norfolk, Va., and is assistant football coach at Nicholas Senn High School in Chicago where he volunteered for two years and is now a paid employee.

The petty officer has been a Washington Redskins fan for a long time. "Though I'm gong to convert to a Bears fan for the weekend," he acknowledged.

His wife had never been to a

professional game until her husband took her to one where, observing the crowd, she told him "There are 80,000 other people acting just like you."

"She really enjoyed it," Washington said, "the overall view, the crowd, the energy in the stadium. She became a fan too."

A native of Washington, D.C. the Hull technician has been in the Navy 17 years and checked into Great Lakes in January 2003.

He had an uncle in the Navy who sent him postcards from all

the places he went. "And he had nothing but nice things to say about it," Washington noted. "I would dream about going to places like that. I love it - the life-long friends in other countries, the discipline, the team work. It's been a wonderful experience."

The Washington family's luck continues - they leave for a three-year tour in Hawaii on Feb. 13.

"This Super Bowl trip is a perfect going away present," the petty officer said.

The Great Lakes Fitness Center is having....

LOST-A-PALOOZA

Here's your chance to reclaim any lost articles at the Fitness Center. All articles will be displayed for the week of Feb. 5-11. After that date, all remaining articles will be disposed of. So stop by and see what might be yours.

Articles will be displayed in the sitting area of the Fitness Center.

For more information, please contact the Fitness Center (Bldg. 2A) at 688-5649.



12 weeks of fitness keeps them motivated

By BARB ROTH
Fitness Center Manager

Thirty participants accepted the challenge at the Great Lakes Fitness Center; Bldg. 2A, by committing to 12 weeks of fitness.

The program began Sept. 24 and concluded Dec. 16 and consisted of three days of cardio activity and two days of weight training a week.

Participants had weight and body measurements taken before during and at the end of 12 weeks and as a group lost 21.5 pounds for a decrease of 5.3 percent in body fat and 4.2 inches.

The 12-weeks-to-fitness program was an incentive to get customers motivated for the holiday season as well as educate on combining cardio activity along with weight training activities to burn more calories to reach their personal fitness goals. The fitness floor staff served as "Fit Coach," motivator while providing training tips and instruction.

"The 12-week-fitness-program was a great help for me," says Mitch Owens. "This program helped me establish a regular workout routine and to follow in my desire to lose weight and to get back in shape."

Twyla Brown said, "I felt that the program was very motivating. I was rewarded by myself and through the program. It pushed me to achieve my goals."

Tshombe and Dedre Harris said, "Knowing that we were earning points that would be put us in a weekly raffle was fun and gave us the extra boost needed to work out."

Overall the program was successful in guiding Fitness Center customers on their way to better fitness. The fitness center will be offering another program like this one in the near future.

BOOK REVIEW

A look at the career of our 33rd President, Harry Truman

By LT. CMDR. YOUSSEF
ABOUL-EINEIN
MSC, USN

The First Cold Warrior: Harry Truman, Containment, and the Remaking of Liberal Internationalism by Elizabeth Edwards Spalding. University Press of Kentucky, 663 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40508. 232 pages, 2006.

The United States today is in search of grand strategy that defines the threats our nation faces today. Many reminisce about the ease of the Cold War, and a bipolar world. Today we attempt to define such threats as Islamist radicalism, jihadi ideology, or for those who study the phenomenon of Al-Qaeda-like organizations, the counter-evolutionary and intolerant views of takfirism (declaring opponents both Muslim and non-Muslim apostates).

Yet there are instances by which one can learn from history and Assistant Professor of Government Elizabeth Edwards Spalding of Claremont-McKenna College in California has written a refreshing look at our 33rd President of the United States Harry Truman. The book is refreshing because it delves into Soviet policies our generation has taken for granted that were just being debated and developed, such as containment of the Soviet Union and attempting to qualify the threat the Soviets posed in the aftermath of World War II. It is refreshing because today's threats of tribalism, ethnic warfare, jihadi ideology and weapons of mass destruction proliferation are all being debated today as we attempt to define the threats that undermine America and the free world.

It is easy to criticize a president, and Harry Truman is a surprising figure who ascended to the presidency when Franklin Roosevelt died in April 1945. Truman was shaped by World War I as an Army captain in the First World War, and the failure of the democracies to prevent a Second World War.

Yet Truman was not entirely a disciple of Woodrow Wilson. The book contains key figures during the Truman administration like George Kennan, a U.S.

diplomat whose Long Telegram from Moscow helped to shape views in Washington that Communism was in competition with the United States over world dominance. Another figure whose memorandum of 100,000 words shaped Truman's views was that authored by Presidential Counsel Clark Clifford and George Elsey that proposed that the United States must confront Soviet hegemony around the globe. This was not popular speech soon after World War II. Americans were confused about the nature of the threat with some proposing that the United States and the Soviet Union together ensure the peace as the two superpowers.

Readers will gain an appreciation for the magnitude of Harry Truman's decisions, such as to confront the Soviets in the United Nations, over troop withdrawal in Iran. He also was a master at appointing the right people to push forward his foreign policies, such as his selection of George Marshall to be Secretary of State and the engineering of the Marshall Plan, that initially provided economic aid to Greece and Turkey, and which was extended as an overall plan for the reconstruction of Europe. Truman and his staff faced communist political gains in Italy, Germany, Greece that could have extended the Eastern Bloc beyond East Germany; the decision was taken to roll back communist influence in a Europe demoralized by war.

Winston Churchill's speech identifying the Cold War in Fulton, Mo. made criticism of Soviet tactics and ideology polit-

ically acceptable in American public discourse. Some, like Eleanor Roosevelt, argued that Churchill's qualification of the Soviet threat in his Iron Curtain speech only undermined the United Nations. The final chapter deals with Truman's creation of the National Security Council, through the National Security Act of 1947. This act created the position of Secretary of Defense and the U.S. Air Force; it forms the basic structure of American policymaking to this day. Readers will also be surprised that Truman's intuition of a bipolar Cold War of confronting Soviet communism turned out to be correct.

Declassification of Eastern European archives and Cold War records show the deliberate plan right after World War II that Moscow pursued to extend its influence and control throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East. This is an excellent book for those passionate about the evolution of America's national security and grand strategies pursued during the Cold War. If you enjoyed this work, I recommend David McCullough's famous biography entitled Truman published in 1993 by Simon and Schuster and available in paperback.

Editor's Note: Lt. Cmdr. Aboul-Enein writes book columns for three military base papers the Naval Station Great Lakes Bulletin, the Naval District Washington Waterline, and the Quantico Sentry. From 2002 to 2006 he served as Middle East Policy Advisor at the Office of the Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

VITA centers will help you file your income tax

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is now open and ready to prepare taxes to service members, retirees, and their families for no cost.

The VITA program is run in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service and is designed to give high quality tax preparation advice for free. Last year the center prepared over 5,000 returns for individuals and couples, saving several hundred thousand dollars in preparation fees, and helping tax payers re-

ceive timely refunds of several million dollars.

The VITA center is located in Building 2B, between the Loft and PSD, on the corner of Bronson and Paul Jones Street. Taxes will be prepared from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. It will be open until the end of filing season on April 16.

To have taxes prepared for free, individuals should bring

with them their Social Security cards and the Social Security cards for their children, along with all tax documents from 2006, including Forms W-2, 1099, and 1098.

"It is important that a taxpayer have all of the information to have their taxes prepared accurately," said Tax Center Officer in Charge Lt. Nathaniel Gross, JAGC. "Having all of the information means that taxpayers will not have a return rejected, or worse, have the IRS send a let-

ter to the taxpayer several months later saying that the return is incomplete."

For individuals interested in having their taxes prepared, the tax center can be reached at (847) 688-4711, or (847) 688-4697. Taxpayers can call and set up an appointment, or can walk in on a space-available basis.

Tax preparation sites are also available to students and staff at various satellite offices spread across the base. Ask your chain of command if a center is near you.



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NAVY PIER TICKET INFORMATION

The Standard I-Max tickets: Regular price \$10.50. USO Price is \$5. Standard tickets cover the 50-minute, 3-D movie.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Navy Pier USO.

The Premier I-Max Tickets: Regular price \$14.50. USO Price is \$8.

Premier tickets cover full-length movies and are available for purchase at the Navy Pier USO.

The 3-D Thrill Ride offers discounts when presenting a military ID.

The Sea Dog offers discounts when presenting a military ID.

The Shoreline Water taxi is free for military in uniform.

The Tall Ship "Windy" offers free rides to military in uniform.

For information on all USO, special events go to www.uso.org/Illinois and click on link to Special Events or the link for the Calendar of Events. The Great Lakes USO is Located in Bldg. 27 on the Great Lakes Naval Station near the main gate. The hours of operation for center usage are Monday-Friday 3-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. The USO is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. for outreach programs, ticket programs, and general assistance. For any questions or comments, call (847) 688-5591. Serving Our Troops Since 1941: The mission of the Corporation is to enhance the quality of life of the U.S. Armed Forces personnel and their families and to create a cooperative relationship between U.S. military communities and involved or supporting civilian communities.

Boatswain's Mate 'A' School takes off at CSCS

By Susan M. Koerner
Training Support Center

Boatswain's Mates (BM) are closely associated with naval history in literature and lore. Since the days of sail, Bosn's have learned their trade through the time-honored tradition of on-the-job training under the close supervisor of a seasoned, old salt.

"There hasn't been an "A" school for the rating," explains BMCS Mauro Guevara. "Candidates would report aboard ship as a non-designated seaman and spend time in the deck department, then strike for the rating."

However, at the Center for Surface Combat Systems (CSCS), tradition has given way to formal training curriculum with the establishment of a "A" school for the BM rating. Over 40 eager students at the seaman apprentice technical division are enrolled. The first class will graduate this week with the rating of boatswain mate seaman apprentice.

Boatswains mates have been an integral part of the U.S. Navy since the Revolutionary War, making them one of the oldest rating in the Navy. The public tends to think of a boatswain as the one at ceremonies where naval personnel are "piped" aboard or colors are retired. However, the rating covers a broad spectrum of duties aboard ship, from taking care of riggings and deck equipment to small boat operation, said Guevara, a course instructor.

"The school came about as part of the Chief of Naval Operations' initiative that every Sailor attend an "A" school. By 2008 or 2009, every Sailor going to the fleet will have a rate," said BMC David Gandee, also an instructor. "This aligns with the five vector model (which defines training mission) as to where you would go."

"It's also been a long time coming from the fleet," Guevara notes.

With classroom time and hands-on labs at the USS Whitehat training

site, known as "ship in a bottle," students cover topics such as line handling, knot tying and towing, as well as ship operations including fueling, replenishment at sea and standing watch.

A BM maintains the exterior surfaces of ships, deck handling machinery and equipment, handle cargo and operates small boats during a number of evolutions including anti-terrorism operations and maritime interdiction boardings of suspect ships. "We set the standards for the ship," said BMC Ken Crowther, course

manager. "We get the ship underway, maintain the appearance, and do all those things." As a key member of the team to board other vessels, training includes boat identification, hoisting and lowering small boats and other amphibious operations. "BM's are more embedded in the teams as we drive the boats, boarding other ships," said Guevara.

A pilot program was held in 2004 with 47 Sailors completing a four-week course. From that, the curriculum was refined and implemented. As Sailors earn the apprentice designation, they will continue to learn and pass additional requirements for advancement to journeyman, which is E5 and E6, then master, as an E7 through E9. "The apprentices will continue to work on qualifications and rating knowledge to work their way up," added Guevara. Upon graduation, Sailors head to the ships and get to work with journeyman and master BM's. "They will actually be doing all the work, they are ready to go," said Crowther. The Sailors would also have the training that would transition directly to the Merchant Marine. "They would be able to go straight to a ship with their BM "A" rating," said Crowther.

"This has been a great experience, I never thought I'd be doing this back home," said SN James Baker, of Miami, Fla.. "I didn't want to go to the fleet undesignated, I wanted to take a leadership role, put guys to work and get it done."

Baker said he is most looking forward to standing his first watch as a boatswain. He will be assigned to USS George Washington, homeported in Norfolk, Va.



All photos by Matt Mogle, TSC Public Affairs
SR Shawn Quinlan from Portage, Wisc., talks with the bridge during an exercise at USS Whitehat.



A student gives the signal to heave around to the delivery ship during a lab exercise at BM "A" school.



Students connect the outhaul line to the trolley block on the mock up USS Whitehat.



Students prepare to set up for a highline transfer during one of the hands-on exercises at USS Whitehat.



BM "A" students learn teamwork as they heave on the highline.



The highline is connected to the sliding pad eye. Safety is paramount in the training.